

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for powderizing a hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) in a liquid or paste form, comprising the steps of:

(A) processing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) into a liquid or paste form by adding alcohol or organic solvent;

(B) mixing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) with a saccharide derivative(s) of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a glucose polymerization degree of three or higher, which saccharide derivative  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose comprises about 30 w/w % or more of  $\alpha$ -maltosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose and one or more saccharides selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha$ -glucosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose,  $\alpha$ -maltotriosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose and  $\alpha$ -glycosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose, and which saccharide derivative(s) of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose is in an amorphous form; and

(C) powderizing the resulting mixture;  
wherein said saccharide derivative of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose

comprises 30 w/w % or more of  $\alpha$ -maltosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose and one or more other saccharides selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha$ -glucosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose,  $\alpha$ -maltotriosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose and other  $\alpha$ -glycosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose(s), and which saccharide derivative of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose is in an amorphous form.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) is one selected from the group consisting of processed stockbreedings, processed marine products, processed agricultural products, flavors, colorings, lipids, ~~emulsifiers,~~ and functional substances, ~~organic solvents, and agrochemical emulsions.~~

Claims 4-7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~comprising a step of incorporating~~ wherein the amount of said saccharide derivative of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose ~~into a powdery composition in an amount of~~ mixed with said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) is 5% (w/w) or more to the total weight of the ~~powdery composition~~ resulting mixture, on a dry solid basis.

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9. (**Previously presented**) The method of claim 1,  
wherein said method for powderizing is a spray-drying method.

Claims 10-11 (**Cancelled**).

12. (**Currently amended**) A powdery composition  
comprising a hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) produced  
by the method of claim 1.

Claims 13-14 (**Cancelled**).

15. (**New**) The powdery composition of claim 12, which  
is one selected from the group consisting of foods, beverages,  
cosmetics, medicated cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and industrial  
chemicals, their materials and intermediates.